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Subject: CEN23LA342 Pilot Statement

Contact: Jason Glass, Federal Aviation Administration

Inspector Glass was contacted regarding the accident involving N231RL, A bell 206 that sustained substantial damage in an accident near Denison, Iowa on 7/30/2023.

Inspector Glass stated on 8/2/2023 that the pilot was still in the hospital and he spoke with the pilot's wife. She told him that the pilot said he was distracted with avionics in the cockpit and failed to see the power lines that the helicopter struck. There were no mechanical issues with the helicopter.

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